

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) agreement with the United States Soccer Federation, Inc., who is representing the Membership Association coordinating the bid with the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Airport Commissioners that the proposed action is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article III, Class 1 (18)(c) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. APPROVE the LAWA agreement with United States Soccer Federation, Inc. to perform certain obligations to the Membership Association and/or FIFA.
3. CONCUR with the action taken by the Board of Airport Commissioners on February 1, 2018, by Resolution No. 26417 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer, LAWA, to execute the Airport Agreement with United States Soccer Federation, Inc.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LAWA reports that approval of this action will improve the Los Angeles and United2026's bid to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup in the United States and Los Angeles. If the United States and Los Angeles are selected as host, the region will experience a significant increase in visitors leading up to and during the games. As the largest airport in the region and a major gateway for international passengers, the majority of these visitors will arrive and depart the City and the United States through Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The incremental passengers attributed to the games are likely to increase LAX's concessions, parking, ground transportation, Passenger Facility Charge and Customer Facility Charge revenues. Such incremental revenues will benefit the airport's financial metrics and cash flows available to support LAX capital programs.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE – APRIL 2, 2018

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – MARCH 28, 2018)

SUMMARY

In a report to the Board of Airport Commissioners dated February 1, 2018, LAWA requests authority to execute an Airport Agreement with the United States Soccer Federation, Inc., who is representing the Membership Association coordinating the bid with FIFA to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The Airport Agreement contains a commitment by LAWA to perform certain obligations to the Membership Association and/or FIFA should the United States be chosen as a host country for the 2026 FIFA World Cup and Los Angeles chosen as a host city for FIFA World Cup games or events.

LAWA reports that FIFA has requested the Airport Agreement be provided by all airports of

potential host cities as part of the host country's bid. Failure to provide FIFA with an executed Airport Agreement could result in the host country's bid not being selected or fully considered, or the host city not being selected as an event venue if its host country is selected to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The agreement requires airports to provide:

- Facilities for things such as welcome desk, common rooms, ticket collection points, main office, etc.
- Retail facilities for FIFA to set up its own concessions
- Fast lane procedures for FIFA staff and select VIPs
- Transport operations
- Loading Zones
- Parking Facilities
- Staging Areas
- Access and Security
- Team Services
- Signage and Outdoor Media

LAWA believes that it would be able to negotiate acceptable terms with FIFA on these obligations. On February 1, 2018, the Board of Airport Commissioners approved LAWA's request.

At its meeting held February 6, 2018, the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee recommended that Council approve LAWA's agreement with the United States Soccer Federation, Inc., as recommended by the Board of Airport Commissioners.

On February 13, 2018, Council referred this matter back to the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee for further consideration.

At its special meeting held February 27, 2018, the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee approved the agreement with United States Soccer Federation, Inc., and the related recommendations above.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRADE, TRAVEL, AND TOURISM COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	YES

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